

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE  
LONGPORT, NJ 08403  
WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2022 – 4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. A notice of this meeting was emailed to the Press of Atlantic City and The Current on May 27, 2022. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board and filed in the office of the municipal clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

ROLL CALL:	Nicholas Russo	present
	James P. Leeds, Sr.	present
	Daniel Lawler	present

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, Engineer Dennis, CFO Kelly, Police Chief Culmone, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Mayor Russo stated the location of the emergency exits and discussed opportunities for public comment.

Carl Tripician, Esq., Vice President of the Herb Stern Scholarship Foundation, introduced members of the Foundation and presented awards to several students.

The Governing Body presented a proclamation to Herb Stern for his years of service to the community and Longport students.

Mayor Russo made a motion to take a short recess at 4:18 pm.  
Commissioner Lawler made a motion to reconvene the workshop meeting at 4:21 pm.

Tom McAllister, Chairman of the Longport Planning and Zoning Board, discussed Ordinance 2022-08 amending Chapter 167 that was on the regular meeting agenda for introduction. He explained that the Longport Planning and Zoning Board presented this ordinance to the Board of Commissioners in order to change the Borough's current Code regarding swimming pools. The Planning and Zoning Board had reviewed the Code and decided that changes were necessary, he said. He added that one of the main changes was the addition of a final swimming pool inspection. He also noted that there are additional zoning changes regarding pools including fence heights, walkways, setbacks, as well as restricting the installation of above ground pools. Solicitor Affanato also discussed changes in the ordinance. Commissioner Leeds discussed draining pools and the resulting silt that often goes in the storm drains and potentially amending the ordinance to address this problem.

Administrator Porter:

Administrator Porter discussed a request by the library director to close the Borough Hall's parking lot on July 11<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> (rain dates on the July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>) from 5 to 8 pm for library events.

Borough Solicitor Affanato:

Solicitor Affanato discussed an ordinance on the regular meeting agenda to allow dogs on the beach during the summer season.

He also noted that he has completed the Longport Public Library lease and that it would be on the agenda for the Governing Body's consideration at the June 15, 2022, Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Borough Engineer Dennis:

Borough Engineer Dennis discussed the bulkhead repair project on Amherst Avenue. He said that it is in the permitting phase and that Ponzio and Associates is working on it. He noted that Ponzio is also working with adjoining property owner, Mr. Lamberti, for his section of the bulkhead and he hopes the entire bulkhead can be completed at once.

He also discussed that masonry work is underway at Well #4. He added that several capital projects would soon begin under the recently adopted bond ordinance.

Mayor Russo:

Mayor Russo – noted that he would provide his report during the regular meeting.

Commissioner Leeds:

Commissioner Leeds discussed shortening the time period that beach tags are sold in the summer season. He proposed that beach tags sales would end the weekend after Memorial Day. The change would affect the 2023 summer season. CFO Kelly noted that the ordinance would need to be amended to change the selling time frame.

Commissioner Leeds commended the American Legion Post 469 on its Memorial Day Parade and he also commended Mayor Russo on his speech during the Memorial Day ceremony.

Commissioner Lawler:

Commissioner Lawler discussed a meeting held with the City of Margate City regarding its current shared municipal court services agreement. He also discussed giving Margate notice that it is considering ending the agreement. Administrator Porter noted that the cost difference is approximately \$120,000. Solicitor Affanato noted that the Borough would have to provide six months of notice to Margate, adding that notice would have to be provided by the end of this month.

Municipal Clerk Kyle:

Municipal Clerk Kyle noted that the Primary Election was going to be held next week on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in Commission Chambers from 6 am to 8 pm. She also announced the time and date of several upcoming library-sponsored programs.

Miscellaneous:

None.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

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ROLL CALL:	Nicholas Russo	present
	James P. Leeds, Sr.	present
	Daniel Lawler	present

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, CFO Kelly, Police Chief Culmone, Engineer Dennis, Fire Chief Clayton and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present. Zoning Officer Funk and Fire Captain Hirsch also present.

Emergency exits and public comment information provided by Mayor Russo.

The Governing Body presented proclamations and plaques to several members of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department for their years of service including: Fire Chief Levon “Lefty” Clayton for more than 50 years of service, Fire Captain Richard B. Hirsch, Jr., for 50 years of service, Fire Captain Anthony J. Vicchiarelli, Jr. for more than 50 years of service (not present) and former Longport Mayor and Commissioner William A. Fiore for more than 60 years of service (not present).

Approval of minutes-

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2022, Workshop and Regular Commission Meetings. Commissioner Leeds made a motion, seconded by Mayor Russo, to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2022, meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed.

The following ordinances were introduced for a first reading/ introduction:

**First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2022-08 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 167 – Zoning, of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey.** *A second reading and public hearing will be held at the June 15, 2022, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.*

**First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2022-09 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 82-8 – Dogs on Beaches.** *A second reading and public hearing will be held at the June 15, 2022, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.*

**ORDINANCES:**

Number	Title
2022-08	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 167- Zoning, of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the current Code to include the addition of a final swimming pool inspection. It also addresses several zoning changes regarding pools including fence heights, walkways, setbacks, as well as restricting the installation of above ground pools.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo to Introduce Ordinance #O2022-08.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed.
2022-09	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 82-8 Dogs on Beaches
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is permit dogs on Longport beaches fronting the Atlantic Ocean during the summer season from May 1 to September 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 am providing that the dog is securely fastened to a leash and accompanied by and under control of some person.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Mayor Russo to Introduce Ordinance #O2022-09.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolutions:

There was no public comment on the listed resolutions.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (R2022-64 through R2022-67):**

Number	Title
2022-64	A Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-65	Authorizing a Water/ Sewer Refund due to Overpayment MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-66	Authorizing a Non Fair and Open Professional Services Contract with James M. Rutala, LLC, of Linwood, NJ for Planning and Grant Assistance MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-67	A Resolution Amending Resolutions R2022-50 and R2022-61 – Designating the Bathing Season and the Guarded Beaches Including Authorized Staffing in the Borough of Longport MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.

**BILL LIST**

Commissioner Leeds, Commissioner of Revenue and Finance, asked if there were any questions on the Bill Lists. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Nothing further to report.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Nothing further to report.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Nothing further to report.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**MAYOR RUSSO**

Mayor Russo noted that his announcement was the same as the Municipal Clerk’s during the workshop meeting.

**COMMISSIONER LEEDS**

Commissioner Leeds - nothing further to report.

**COMMISSIONER LAWLER**

Commissioner Lawler – nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to speak.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION – COMMISSIONER LEEDS, SECOND – COMMISSIONER LAWLER. All AYES- none opposed.  
Adjournment – 4:53 pm.